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**MINUTES OF THE TELECONFERENCE OF THE
BOARD OF
RESPIRATORY CARE**

August 25, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Bruce Couillard, Chairperson, called the Teleconference of the Board of Respiratory Care to order at 12:07 p.m. CST, Friday, August 25, 2006. HHSS Staff was located in the Learning Center, State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska; Attorney General's Staff was located at the Attorney General's Office, Lincoln, Nebraska ; HHSS Investigators were located at the Gold's Building, Lincoln, Nebraska; and Board members were located at their homes or businesses. The meeting was duly publicized by distribution of the Notice of Meeting and Agenda prior to the meeting and posting the agenda at the entrance of the Health and Human Services Department at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

The following Board members and State Staff participated in the teleconference:

Bruce Couillard, Chairperson
Frank Freihaut, Vice-Chairperson
Kay Lavene, Public Member
Lon Keim, MD, Secretary

Diane Hansmeyer, HHSS Section Administrator
Patty Pierson, HHSS Credentialing Coordinator
Julie Agena, Assistant Attorney General
Duane Newland, HHSS Investigator
Loretta Bennett, HHSS Investigator

Adoption of Agenda

Freihaut moved, seconded by Keim, to adopt the agenda. Voting aye: Couillard, Freihaut, Keim, and Lavene. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS

Closed Session

Keim moved, seconded by Lavene to go into closed session at 12:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing investigational reports and to protect the reputation of individuals. Voting aye: Freihaut, Couillard, Keim, and Lavene. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Out of Closed Session

Couillard moved, seconded by Freihaut to come out of closed session at 1:17 p.m. Voting aye: Lavene, Freihaut, Couillard, and Keim. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

LICENSURE APPLICATION

Couillard moved, seconded by Freihaut to deny a Respiratory Care license to Lawrence Reynolds based on his history of convictions, which is indicative of poor moral conduct; misrepresentation of material facts in procuring a license; and a high probability of having a substance abuse disorder as evidenced by a diagnostic impression of alcohol abuse history as noted in the Alcohol/Drug Assessment by the Nebraska Licensee Assistance Program, dated July 7, 2006. Voting aye: Keim, Lavene, Freihaut, and Couillard. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR REINSTATMENT

Freihaut moved, seconded by Lavene to reinstate the license of Thomas Grooms, which was revoked due to non-payment of renewal fees. Voting aye: Lavene, Freihaut, Couillard, and Keim. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lon W. Keim, MD

Prepared by: Patty Pierson, Credentialing Coordinator